



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 114.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, November 11, 2016 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

375/15

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly in the years from 2005-2015,—
- (i) as to who headed the delegations;
 - (ii) the number of delegates;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, if any;
 - (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (v) the total amount of money spent; and
 - (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accommodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land in which wheat has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the wheat production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases wheat from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of wheat purchased in each year during the last five years separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to enhance wheat production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the propaganda advertisements on debt crisis in print and electronic media by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs from April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the newspapers in which the aforesaid advertisements were published along with the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money paid to the TV and Radio channels to broadcast those advertisements;
 - (iv) as to how the funds were raised for those advertisements;
 - (v) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained from Public Funds the Expenditure Heads from which those funds were obtained; and
 - (vi) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained through semi government and private sector sponsorship, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from each institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of lands that is required for distributing 7 perches each among two hundred fifty thousand families in the estates;
 - (ii) separately on per estate basis the extent of lands that is required for the number of families that need lands in each estate and the total extent of lands available in each estate; and

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- (iii) whether the worker families might refuse to accept those lands if the lands were distributed among them subject to a law that the ownership of those lands should be transferred only among members of their families?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he would admit that, if the fact that tea has been cultivated in most of the lands that are suitable for constructing houses is taken into consideration as per the answer given to the question asked by me on 06.05.2016 related to the same issue, it would be impossible to provide lands to the people in estate areas as long as tea cultivation exist in those areas;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of providing these workers, who have been living in estates for over hundred years, an extent of land of 7 perches from the lands in front of and behind the houses they are already residing at; and
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility of utilizing slope areas for tea cultivation and providing the plain areas for the estate communities?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through domestic electronic and print media?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;

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- (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the basis on which the forest lands of the Monaragala District belonging to the Department of Forest Conservation were allotted to Dole Lanka Private Limited which is the partner company in Sri Lanka of multinational company called Dole to cultivate the Cavendish banana species;
 - (ii) the extent of land of the Department of Forest Conservation given to the above company;
 - (iii) the institution that granted permission to this company to pump water to its farming lands using high powered motor pumps installed at Kirindi Oya and Menik Ganga and the basis of granting such permission;
 - (iv) the institution which granted permission for the allocation of lands and the establishment of Cavendish banana farm lands using excessive amounts of agrochemical to one of the most scandalous companies in the world and the basis of granting such approval;
 - (v) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained to allot lands to this company; and
 - (vi) the reason for not invoking the law against the establishment of large scale farming lands illegally in forest lands belonging to the Department of Forest Conservation violating the Forest Conservation Ordinance and the National Environmental Act?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of persons recruited to various institutions of the Provincial Council after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post;

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- (ii) the names of those persons and the institutions to which they have been recruited, separately;
- (iii) the procedures followed in recruiting those persons; and
- (iv) whether those recruitments have been made without any political affiliation?

(b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the present management led by the Chairman has a systematic programme to recover the loans of Lankaputhra Development Bank;
- (ii) whether any progress has been achieved in recovering the loans of more than 600 million rupees found in the list of persons who have not repaid loans when compared with the previous year;
- (iii) whether the bank has given loans more than 20 million rupees even though the bank is not permitted to grant loans exceeding that limit; and
- (iv) whether the Bank Regulations Act has been contravened by acts such as recruitment of employees in contravention with the rules of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, giving promotions outside the proper procedure and opening information centres in Thambuththegama and Akuressa?

(b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of 'Tea Shakthi' tea factories that function in various parts of the country;
- (ii) separately on per year basis from the beginning to date, of the number of employees working at each factory, the quantity of tea produced in kilograms and the profit generated or the loss incurred by each factory; and
- (iii) of the methodology adopted in managing those factories at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the name of the institute which is presently in charge of the management of 'Tea Shakthi' tea factory of Raigam Korale;

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- (ii) of the relief provided to those who lost their employment with the aforesaid tea factory; and
 - (iii) of the reasons as to why a maximum production was not gone into using the machinery belonging to that factory?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) as to how long the post of District Director of Divineguma in the Trincomalee District has been vacant;
 - (ii) of the names, qualifications and other details of the persons who were holding that post in acting capacity in the period during which it has been vacant; and
 - (iii) of the reason as to why a permanent officer has not been appointed to that position to date?
- (b) Is he aware that —
- (i) in order to fill this vacancy, an officer was recommended for this post by the District Secretary, Trincomalee;
 - (ii) Divineguma Department did not approve that recommendation as the aforesaid officer belongs to Sri Lanka Planning Service; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid position has been vacant continuously due to this reason?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the reason for not filling the vacancy in the post of Divineguma District Director to date or for not giving the appointment to the officer that has been recommended by the District Secretary;
 - (ii) whether any interruption would be caused to the activities of the Divineguma programme by giving the appointment to the officer recommended by the District Secretary; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to appoint the officer recommended by the District Secretary of Trincomalee, to the post of Divineguma District Director ?
- (d) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government servants are entitled for the Samurdhi allowance; and

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- (ii) of the assistance and allowances provided by the government that can be obtained by the public servants?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the public servants of the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District obtain Samurdhi allowance;
 - (ii) if so, of the names, positions and places of work of the aforesaid officers;
 - (iii) of the measures that were taken against the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time during which Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga had functioned as the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia;
 - (ii) what the charges against him are;
 - (iii) of the progress of the investigations conducted regarding those charges;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the delay in taking legal action against him; and
 - (v) whether the assistance of Interpol has been sought to arrest him?
- (b) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;in the District of Colombo?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) fees charged for the safe deposit box service provided by the state and private banks have been increased; and
 - (ii) the customers have been inconvenienced as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the reasons for increasing the fees charged for the safe deposit boxes;
 - (ii) whether additional privileges will be provided to the customers;
 - (iii) if so, what those privileges are; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to reduce the fees charged for this service?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Kandy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Insurance Institute.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1. Appropriation Bill (2017)— (First Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (10th November 2016) [1].
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2. Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the revision of Salary for the Puisne Judges and Judges of the Court of Appeal,— The monthly salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal have to be determined by the Parliament as per the Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Accordingly, it has been proposed that salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal be revised to be implemented in 05 phases during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020.

Relevant salary scales for each posts are as follows (Schedule I)

Group of Service	Salary Code	Salary Scale (Rs.)
Hon. Chief Justice	JS 5 - 2016	145,000-5x7,250-181,250
Puisne Judges / President of the Court of Appeal	JS 4 - 2016	135,000-5x6,750-168,750
Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3 - 2016	131,500-5x6,575-164,375

Conversion tables relevant to the new salary scales to be implemented under each phase and guidelines for the implementation of salary scales are attached as Schedule II and schedule III respectively and it is resolved by this Parliament under Article 108(1) or the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that salaries for Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal as determined by this resolution shall be implemented.

(Cabinet approval signified)

Schedule I**Salary structure for the Puisne and Appeal Court Judges under****Article 108(1) of the Constitution – 2016**

	Service Category	Salary Code	Initial Step	Years	1st Slab	Maximum
1	Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3-2016	131,500	5	6,575	164,375
2	Puisne Judges/President Court of Appeal	JS 4-2016	135,000	5	6,750	168,750
3	Chief Justice	JS 5-2016	145,000	5	7,250	181,250

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Salary Scales

Information mentioned in each column of salary scales are as follows:—

- Column 1 - Number of Years
 Column 2 - Service Period
 Column 3 - Grade
 Column 4 - Salary Steps on appointment and with Promotion

Service Category			Judges of the Court of Appeal	Puisne Judges/ President CA	Chief Justice
Salary Code			JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,575	6,750	7,250
			5	5	5
1			131,500	135,000	145,000
2			138,075	141,750	152,250
3			144,650	148,500	159,500
4			151,225	155,250	166,750
5			157,800	162,000	174,000
6			164,375	168,750	181,250

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Salary Conversion Tables

JS 3-2016

Salary step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)
1	63,500	85,525	77,100	8,425	90,700	-	104,300	-	117,900	-	131,500	-
2	66,675	89,176	80,955	8,221	95,235	-	109,515	-	123,795	-	138,075	-
3	69,850	92,828	84,810	8,018	99,770	-	114,730	-	129,690	-	144,650	-
4	73,025	96,479	88,665	7,814	104,305	-	119,945	-	135,585	-	151,225	-
5	76,200	100,130	92,520	7,610	108,840	-	125,160	-	141,480	-	157,800	-
6	79,375	103,781	96,375	7,406	113,375	-	130,375	-	147,375	-	164,375	-

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Schedule II

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JS 4-2016

Salary Step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross Salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justment Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justment Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justment Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justment Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justment Allow-ance (Rs.)
1	65,000	87,250	79,000	8,250	93,000	-	107,000	-	121,000	-	135,000	-
2	68,250	90,988	82,950	8,038	97,650	-	112,350	-	127,050	-	141,750	-
3	71,500	94,725	86,900	7,825	102,300	-	117,700	-	133,100	-	148,500	-
4	74,750	98,463	90,850	7,613	106,950	-	123,050	-	139,150	-	155,250	-
5	78,000	102,200	94,800	7,400	111,600	-	128,400	-	145,200	-	162,000	-
6	81,250	105,938	98,750	7,188	116,250	-	133,750	-	151,250	-	168,750	-

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JS 5-2016

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Salary Step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross Salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)
1	70,000	93,000	85,000	8,000	100,000	-	115,000	-	130,000	-	145,000	-
2	73,500	97,025	89,250	7,775	105,000	-	120,750	-	136,500	-	152,250	-
3	77,000	101,050	93,500	7,550	110,000	-	126,500	-	143,000	-	159,500	-
4	80,500	105,075	97,750	7,325	115,000	-	132,250	-	149,500	-	166,750	-
5	84,000	109,100	102,000	7,100	120,000	-	138,000	-	156,000	-	174,000	-
6	87,500	113,125	106,250	6,875	125,000	-	143,750	-	162,500	-	181,250	-

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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2016

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2016.

1. Classification in terms of Public Administration Circular 6/2006 as at 31.12.2015
 - (a) Service Category :
 - (b) Salary Code :
 - (c) Salary Scale :
 - (d) Salary Step :
 - (e) Salary Point : Rs.
 - (f) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. As at 01.01.2016 in terms of classification of Management Services Circular.....in terms of schedule I:
 - (a) Service Category :
 - (b) Salary Code :
 - (c) Salary Scale :
 - (d) Salary Step :
 - (e) Salary Point : Rs.

3. Salary payable as at 01.01.2016 in terms of Schedule II:
 - (a) Basic Salary : Rs.
 - (b) Adjustment allowance : Rs.

4. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2017

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2017.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2016

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2017 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2018

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2018.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2017
 - (a) Service Category :
 - (b) Salary Code :
 - (c) Salary Scale :
 - (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
 - (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
 - (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
 - (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:
2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2018 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2019

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2019.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2018
 - (a) Service Category :
 - (b) Salary Code :
 - (c) Salary Scale :
 - (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
 - (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
 - (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
 - (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:
2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2019 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2020

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2020.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2019
 - (a) Service Category :
 - (b) Salary Code :
 - (c) Salary Scale :
 - (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
 - (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
 - (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
 - (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:
2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2020 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Salary Structure for the Puisne and Appeal Court Judges
under Article 108(1) of the Constitution 2016

The Government has decided to make effective in 5 stages commencing 01.01.2016 the new salary scales given in schedule - I of this Circular as indicated in schedule -II in place of the salary scales now operative in respect of the Chief Justice, **Puisne** Judges, the President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal under the provisions of the Public Administration Circular 06/2006 dated 25.04.2006 as amended by the PA Circulars subsequently issued.

02. The below-mentioned allowances are incorporated in the new salary structure.

- i The special non-pensionable allowance paid in terms of the PA Circulars No.31/2011 dated 12.12.2011 and No. 18/2012 dated 31.12.2012.
- ii The interim allowance of Rs.10,000/- paid monthly in terms of the PA Circulars Nos. 24/2014 dated 12.11.2014, 24/2014(1) dated 31.12.2014 and 05/2015 dated 11.02.2015.

03. Conversion of Salary

- 03.1 The conversion of salary from the existing salary scales to the new salary scales should be effected on step by step basis. However, the conversion of salaries shall be made in accordance with the conversion tables given in schedule – II since this revision of salaries is to be made in 5 stages.
- 03.2 Conversion tables are given in schedule II separately for each salary scale mentioned in schedule - I in order to facilitate the conversion of salary.
- 03.3 In the conversion of salaries, the salary code under the salary structure operative as at 31.12.2015 shall firstly be identified. Accordingly, the corresponding salary code indicated in schedule - I of this Circular and the conversion table

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applicable as mentioned in schedule -II should be selected. The new salary codes applicable under this Circular corresponding to the salary codes mentioned in the PA Circular 06/2006 are as follows:

Salary Code as per PA Circular 06/2006	New Salary Code
SF 4-2006	JS 5- 2016
SF 2-2006	JS 4-2016
SF 1-2006	JS 3-2016

- 03.4 Placement on the salary point applicable should be made in accordance with the prescribed conversion table based on the due salary step as at 01.01.2016 corresponding to the salary step applicable as at 31.12.2015. For this purpose the salary conversion format marked Annex 1 of the Circular should be utilized.
- 03.5 The salary conversion falling due on 01.01.2017, 01.01.2018, 01.01.2019 and 01.01.2020 shall also be affected by adoption of the same methodology that was followed at 03.4 above. For this purpose the salary points indicated under each year in the schedule - II should be made applicable. In the conversion of salaries, salary conversion formats marked Annex II,III, IV and V for each year shall be utilized.

04. Calculation of the increment of salary

- 04.1 Calculation of the number of increments falling due within the salary scale.

When an increment is earned during the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 placement should be made on the salary point immediately above the salary point on which placement was made at 03.4 above. Accordingly, the difference between the two salary points should be treated as the value of the increment falling due for the year 2016.

- 04.2 Granting increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale.

- (a) In order to determine the salary point applicable from 01.01.2016 when the maximum of a salary scale is reached, the salary steps should be calculated treating as the increment of salary, the difference between the two applicable salary points given at the end of the salary scale as indicated in the appropriate column of the relevant salary conversion table in the schedule- II.
- (b) Even when increments are earned beyond the maximum of a salary scale after 01.01.2016, the salary step should be calculated as indicated at (a) above.

05. Adjustment allowance of the gross salary

- 05.1 In addition to the basic salary, the difference between the gross salaries together with allowances mentioned in paragraph 02 above received as in 31.12.2015 and the basic salary applicable to each year as mentioned in schedule- II of this Circular were computed as an adjustment allowance and incorporated in the salary. Accordingly, in addition to the basic salary prescribed for each year, the corresponding adjustment allowance should also be paid. This adjustment allowance shall not be considered part and parcel of the salary for any purpose other than those specified at 16 below.
- 05.2 Whenever salary step is calculated beyond the maximum of the salary scale as at 04.2 above, the adjustment allowance of the gross salary applicable to the said salary step shall also be paid. For this purpose the gross salary which is comprised only of the salary point received as at 31.12.2015 under the PA Circular No.06/2006 as amended by Circulars subsequently issued and the allowances entitled under the Circulars mentioned in paragraph 02 of this circular should be firstly calculated. In the event there is a monetary loss between the said salary and the salary point calculated under 04.2 above, the said monetary value should be paid together with the salary point as an adjustment allowance of the gross salary.

06. Conversion of Salary on promotion to a higher post

On promotion to a higher post during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020 when salary conversion is made on this phase basis scheme, the salary points indicated in the Column relevant to the year of promotion as given in schedule - II should be made applicable in the salary conversion related to such promotions.

07. Any other allowances

- 07.1 As the new salary structure has been formulated incorporating allowances granted by the PA Circulars referred to in paragraph 02 of this Circular, the payment of such allowances shall be discontinued effective from 01.01.2016.
- 07.2 The payment of the cost of living allowance of the Rs.7800/- per month being paid in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12.2013 should be further continued.

08. Pensions

- 08.1 In the calculation of pensions in respect of those officers who have retired after 01.01.2016 on the salary structure given in this Circular, the salary step last received as indicated in schedule- II should be made applicable.
- 08.2 With the total implementation of salary scales given in schedule – I effective from 01.01.2020, the pensions of those public officers who were in service on 01.01.2016 and have subsequently retired will also be revised accordingly and instructions in this regard will be issued in due course. No revisions of pensions shall be effected during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019.

08.3 The interim allowance of Rs. 3500/- per month being provided in terms of the PA Circular No.05/2015 dated 11.02.2015 shall not be paid to those who have retired from service after 01.01.2016 under the provisions of this Circular. The cost of living allowances of Rs. 3525/- per-month being provided to pensioners in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12. 2013 should, however, be paid.

09. Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary

Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary shall be limited to the monetary value that prevailed as at 31.12.2015. Whenever appointment is made to a post that comes within the ambit of this Circular after 01.01.2016, the computation of this allowance should be based on the salary attached to the said post as at 31.12.2015.

10. Indication of the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued

The salary scale mentioned in schedule- I, shall be made applicable in indicating the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued on recruitment/promotions made during the period up to 01.01.2020 when the salary structure specified in this Circular will be fully implemented. As payments will have to be made as stated in schedule -II, this fact should also be indicated in the letters of appointment issued.

11. Categorization of posts/services.

The Judicial officers are on par with the senior level and treated as staff officers in terms of the categorization of posts in schedule - III of the PA Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016.

12. Contributions to W.&.O.P.

The percentage of deduction of contributions to the W & O P shall continue to be operative 7% unaltered and the initial salary given under each year in schedule II should be made applicable in this regard.

13. Date of increment

There will be no change in the date of increment following this salary revision.

14. Payment of increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale

The officers who have reached the maximum of a salary scale may be granted further increments of salary until the date of their retirement or until they are appointed/promoted to another post to which another salary scale is applicable.

15. Combined Allowance

The combined allowance will be Rs. 500/-.

16. Limit of the aggregate of monthly deductions in granting loans / advances

The relevant basic salary as at the date as indicated in schedule-II and the adjustment allowance should also be made applicable in the computation of the 40% limit which is to be taken into consideration in granting loans/advances.

17. General Instructions

In determining the salary an officer is entitled to as at 01.01.2016 in terms of this Circular, the relevant authorities should confirm that the salary adjustments and the relevant salary conversions have been correctly effected, as per salary revisions made on 01.01.2006 or thereafter.

18. Overpayments

If an overpayment has been made to any officer due to a misinterpretation of these instructions or through a clerical error or errors in computation or any other errors, the officer concerned is liable to refund the amount so overpaid.

19. Clarifications and further Instructions

If clarifications with regard to the provisions of this Circular and further instructions are sought, such requests shall be addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, General Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01.

*3.

The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy under Section 67 of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No. 35 of 2007, read with paragraphs (d) and (e) of Sub-section (2) of Section 36 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/13 of June 15th, 2016, which were presented on 20.09.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,—Regulations under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of that Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/7 of 16th May 2016, which were presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/32 of 23rd August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance,—Notification under the Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), regarding impose of excise duty on foreign liquor and impose of rules with regard to import of foreign liquor, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/87 of 26th August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 989)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),—That the order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/41 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/42 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,— “Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

*15.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the

Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26th February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

16.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
